

reference number used in the drawings.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by this preliminary amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits Claims 1-4 are in condition for examination, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

FEES

If there are any fees due and owing in respect of this Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge the undersigned attorney's PTO Deposit Account No. 50-1047 accordingly.

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In The Specification:

[0020] In operation, a WDM optical signal composed of different wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , λ_3 and λ_4 is directed from the optical input port [812] 840 to a collimator lens 814. The WDM signal traverses substrate 808 and is received by thin film filter 801. According to the characteristics of the thin film filter 801, the optical component with wavelength λ_1 is transmitted through the thin film filter 801, while the other wavelength components are reflected and directed to thin film filter 802 via substrate 808. The wavelength component λ_1 , which is transmitted through the thin film filter 801, is converged by the collimating lens 821 onto the tiltable mirror 815. Tiltable mirror 815 is positioned so that wavelength component λ_1 is reflected from the mirror to a selected one of the output ports 840₁-840_n via thin film filters 802-804, which all reflect wavelength component λ_1 . The particular output port that is selected to receive the wavelength component will determine the particular orientation of the mirror 815.